

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 have been examined. Claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claim 19 in a divisional or continuation application. Claims 21-24 are withdrawn as non-elected claims pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 5, 2008.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner has not indicated acceptance of the drawings. Therefore, Applicants request the Examiner to acknowledge acceptance of the drawings in the next Action.

I. Election/Restrictions

Claims 21-24 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there allegedly being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on April 30, 2008. As such, claims 1-20 are discussed below.

II. Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner asserts that the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed June 1, 2005 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information. The Examiner notes that the IDS has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

However, according to section 609.04(a) of the MPEP, III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE INFORMATION, a “**submission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement for a concise**

explanation.” According to the Patent Application Information Retrieval System, an English language abstract of each reference cited in the IDS filed on June 1, 2005 was submitted therewith. Therefore, the IDS filed on June 1, 2005 complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). As a result, the Examiner should have considered each of the references cited therein.

III. Claim Objections

A. Claim 19

Claim 19 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 19 has been canceled. Therefore, the objection is moot and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

B. Claims 1, 6-13 and 20

Claims 1, 6-13 and 20 contain limitations directed to “informations”. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments made herein.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

A. Claims 1-20

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, the Examiner rejects the claims for allegedly containing limitations that are recited as statements of intended use.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments made herein.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

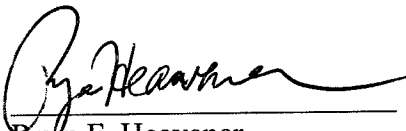
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-18 and 20 contained allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action. Applicants believe the claims are in a condition for allowance in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments made herein.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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